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26           REMARKS

27           The above-referenced application has been reviewed in light of the office action, dated  
28 June 28, 2004. The Abstract is objected to; claims 1-20 are rejected for 35 U.S.C 102(

29           Abstract

30           Applicant has amended the abstract to overcome the rejection

31           Claims Rejection

32           Examiner argues Shiraishi teaches the claimed subject matter depicted in claim 3.  
33           The Applicant respectfully disagrees. Shiraishi teaches discarding unnecessary data in  
34           output patterns. In contrast, Applicant asserts that claim 3 teaches bypassing  
35           decompression if the test vector does not efficiently compress. Therefore, Applicant  
36           can not understand Examiner's assertion that bypassing decompression for inefficient  
37           compression of a test vector with discarding unnecessary output pattern data.

38           Obviously, Shiraishi does not discuss bypassing decompression.

39           Figures

40           Applicant has submitted formal figures to overcome the rejection in a separate letter to the  
41           draftsperson.

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51 CONCLUSION

52 In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in  
53 this patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any  
54 questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 712 8918. Consideration of  
55 this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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